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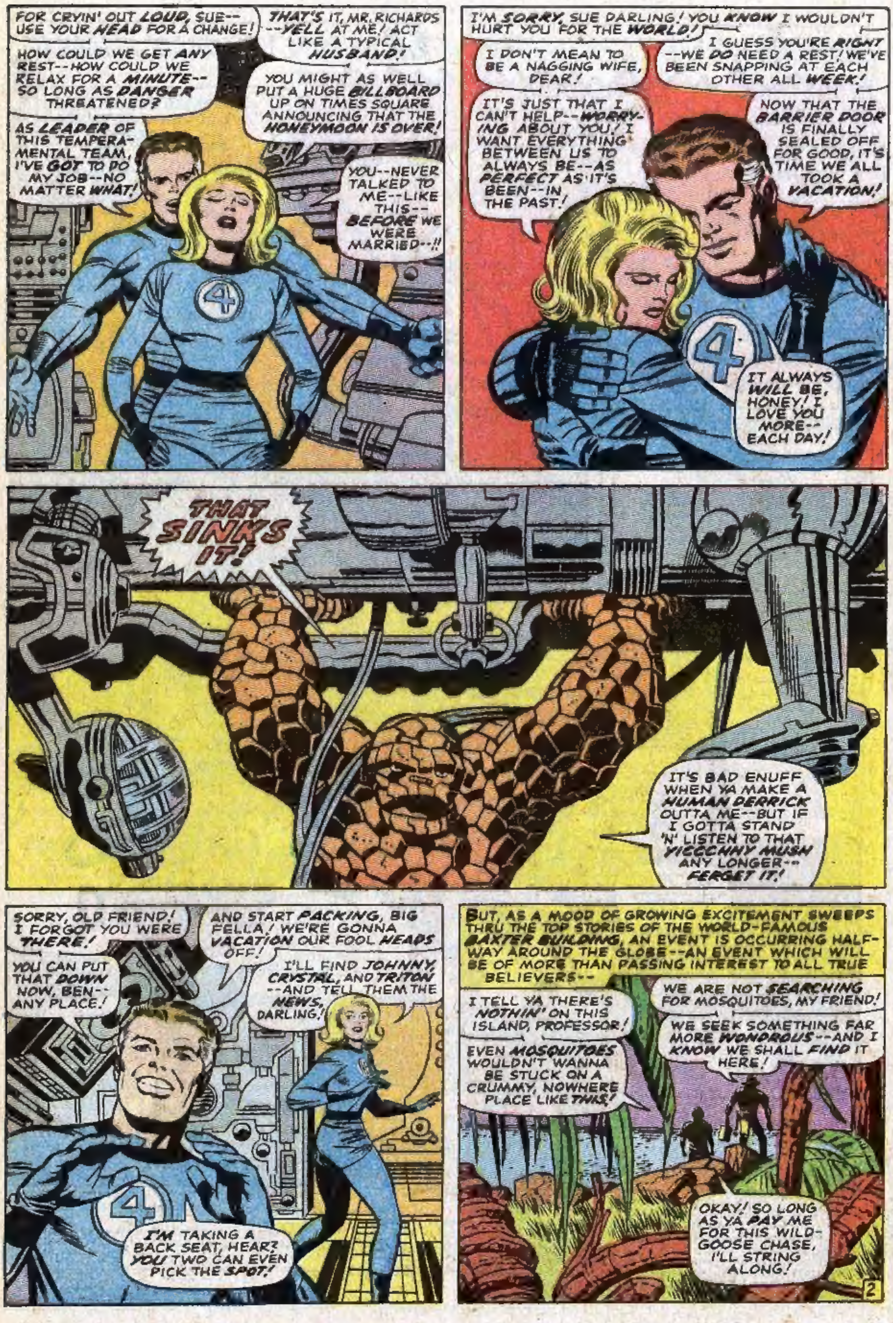
FOR CRYIN' OUT LOUD, SUE--USE YOUR HEAD FOR A CHANGE!
HOW COULD WE GET ANY REST--HOW COULD WE RELAX FOR A MINUTE--SO LONG AS DANGER THREATENED?
AS LEADER OF THIS TEMPERAMENTAL TEAM, I'VE GOT TO DO MY JOB--NO MATTER WHAT!
THAT'S IT, MR. RICHARDS--YELL AT ME! ACT LIKE A TYPICAL HUSBAND!
YOU MIGHT AS WELL PUT A HUGE BILLBOARD UP ON TIMES SQUARE ANNOUNCING THAT THE HONEYMOON IS OVER!
YOU--NEVER TALKED TO ME--LIKE THIS--BEFORE WE WERE MARRIED--!!
I'M SORRY, SUE DARLING! YOU KNOW I WOULDN'T HURT YOU FOR THE WORLD!
I DON'T MEAN TO BE A NAGGING WIFE, DEAR!
IT'S JUST THAT I CAN'T HELP--WORRYING ABOUT YOU! I WANT EVERYTHING BETWEEN US TO ALWAYS BE--AS PERFECT AS IT'S BEEN--IN THE PAST!
I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT--WE DO NEED A REST! WE'VE BEEN SNAPPING AT EACH OTHER ALL WEEK!
NOW THAT THE BARRIER DOOR IS FINALLY SEALED OFF FOR GOOD, IT'S TIME WE ALL TOOK A VACATION!
IT ALWAYS WILL BE, HONEY! I LOVE YOU MORE--EACH DAY!
THAT SINKS IT!
IT'S BAD ENUFF WHEN YA MAKE A HUMAN DERRICK OUTTA ME--BUT IF I GOTTA STAND 'N' LISTEN TO THAT YICCCHHY MUSH ANY LONGER--FERGET IT!
SORRY, OLD FRIEND! I FORGOT YOU WERE THERE!
YOU CAN PUT THAT DOWN NOW, BEN--ANY PLACE!
AND START PACKING, BIG FELLA! WE'RE GONNA VACATION OUR FOOL HEADS OFF!
I'M TAKING A BACK SEAT, HEAR? YOU TWO CAN EVEN PICK THE SPOT!
I'LL FIND JOHNNY, CRYSTAL, AND TRITON--AND TELL THEM THE NEWS, DARLING!
BUT, AS A MOOD OF GROWING EXCITEMENT SWEEPS THRU THE TOP STORIES OF THE WORLD-FAMOUS BAXTER BUILDING, AN EVENT IS OCCURRING HALF-WAY AROUND THE GLOBE--AN EVENT WHICH WILL BE OF MORE THAN PASSING INTEREST TO ALL TRUE BELIEVERS--
I TELL YA THERE'S NOTHIN' ON THIS ISLAND, PROFESSOR!
EVEN MOSQUITOES WOULDN'T WANNA BE STUCK ON A CRUMMY, NOWHERE PLACE LIKE THIS!
WE ARE NOT SEARCHING FOR MOSQUITOES, MY FRIEND!
WE SEEK SOMETHING FAR MORE WONDROUS--AND I KNOW WE SHALL FIND IT HERE!
OKAY! SO LONG AS YA PAY ME FOR THIS WILD-GOOSE CHASE, I'LL STRING ALONG!
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BUT, Y'KNOW SOMETHIN'?
ANY JOKER WHO'D TOSS GOOD DOUGH AWAY SEARCHIN' FOR SOMETHING THAT DON'T EXIST DOESN'T NEED A GUIDE--
I FIGGER YA SHOULDA HIRED A KEEPER!
EVERYONE THINKS I'M MAD --BUT I'M NOT! I KNOW WE'RE ON THE RIGHT TRACK!
I KNOW THERE WAS ONCE AN ALIEN CIVILIZATION WHICH RULED THIS PLANET BEFORE THE DAWN OF HISTORY--
AND MY RESEARCH PROVES THAT IT WAS ON THIS VERY SPOT THAT THEY LANDED-- IT WAS HERE THAT THEY LIVED!
THEY CALLED THEMSELVES THE KREE, AND THEY--WAIT!! LOOK!!
OVER THERE!! WE'VE FOUND SOMETHING--!
IT'S THE SPIRE-- THE ONE I READ ABOUT IN THE ANCIENT TABLETS OF THE INCAS!!
NOW, ACCORDING TO THE ANCIENT INCA LEGENDS, ALL I NEED DO IS POINT THIS BROKEN HAND OF THE LOST IDOL AT THE SPIRE, AND--
ZZZZISSS!!
IT'S WORKING! IT'S STARTING TO GLOW!! LOOK--IT'S EMITTING ENERGY WAVES--!
AND--ALL THIS TIME-- I THOUGHT-- YOU WERE JUST A CRACKPOT!!
KRAKK!
LOOK OUT!! THE WHOLE BLAMED HILL IS CRACKIN' UP--THERE'S SOMETHIN' UNDER IT-- PUSHING--!!
IT'S THE SECRET MECHANISM-- THE LONG HIDDEN DEVICE WHICH WILL EXPOSE THE STEPS LEADING TO-- THE KREE!
QUICKLY!! WE MUST ENTER THE VAULT BELOW-- BEFORE IT IS SEALED AGAIN-- FOREVER!
THUS, SECONDS LATER...
WHAT KINDA PLACE IS THIS?? NOTHIN' MAKES ANY SENSE!!
HEAD BACK?? WHEN WE'RE ON THE VERGE OF THE GREATEST DISCOVERY OF THE AGES?!!!
IT'S JUST LIKE A LOTTA CRAZY JUNK! I DON'T LIKE IT, PROFESSOR! MAYBE WE OUGHTTA START HEADIN' BACK!
DON'T YOU REALIZE WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING AT, MAN??
WE ARE WALKING WHERE HUMANS NEVER BEFORE HAVE TROD-- VIEWING ARTIFACTS THAT WERE NEVER MADE ON EARTH!
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THEY HUNG UP! IT'S THE SAME AT EVERY AIR-LINE--ALL BOOKED UP!
WELL, WADDAYA KNOW! I LANDED IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC!
GOOD THING I STILL GOT MY HULA HOOP!
TOO BAD YOU DIDN'T GET SOME PLACE THAT'S NEARER! THE AIRLINES ARE BOOKED SOLID--ESPECIALLY ON OVER-SEAS FLIGHTS!
BUT, I DON'T WANT TO DISAPPOINT ANY OF THE OTHERS!
REED, I JUST SPOKE TO JOHNNY! HE AND CRYSTAL WOULD PREFER TO REMAIN IN NEW YORK! THEY REALLY HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE TO BE ALONE SINCE THEY FOUND EACH OTHER AGAIN!
AND TRITON SAYS HE'D BETTER REMAIN, ALSO--TO LOOK AFTER LOCKJAW WHILE CRYSTAL AND JOHNNY ARE DATING!
THAT LEAVES JUST THE THREE OF US, THEN!
MEBBE I BETTER CUT OUT, ALSO! YOU TWO DON'T HAVETA PLAY NURSEMAID TO ME!
NONSENSE, BEN! WITH ALICIA OUT OF TOWN, YOU'D ONLY GET IN TROUBLE WITHOUT US! BESIDES, YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS VACATION AS EAGERLY AS A KID!
THE ONLY PROBLEM IS--I WANTED SUE TO RELAX ON A JET LINER, BUT WE'LL HAVE TO TAKE OUR POGO PLANE, INSTEAD!
SHE'LL RELAX ALRIGHT, STRETCHO!
YOU'LL TALK 'ER TO DEATH BEFORE WE'RE HALF-WAY THERE!
THUS, A FEW MINUTES LATER, AS THE FF's FAMOUS POGO PLANE GETS ITS FINAL CHECKOUT--
I WISH YOU A MOST PLEASANT VACATION, MRS. RICHARDS!
THANK YOU, TRITON!
I APPRECIATE YOUR HELPING US WITH OUR LUGGAGE!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT US, SIS! YOU JUST GO AND ENJOY YOURSELF--YOU'VE SURE EARNED IT!
SOMEONE TELL BEN WE'RE READY TO TAKE OFF!
HE'S JUST FINISHING A NOTE TO ALICIA, MR. RICHARDS! HE'LL BE RIGHT THERE!
AND THEN, AT LAST--
OL' BLUE-EYED BENJAMIN'LL HANDLE THE CONTROLS, SO'S YOU KIDS CAN HOLD HANDS BACK THERE!
THAT IS, IF YA CAN GIT STRETCHO TO STOP SWALLOWIN' ENCYCLOPEDIAS LONG ENUFF!
I DIDN'T EVEN LET HIM BRING A NEWSPAPER THIS TRIP, BEN!
HAVE FUN, GROUP! SEE YOU IN A FEW DAYS!
DON'T RUSH ON OUR ACCOUNT, BROTHER-IN-LAW!
I'LL ACTIVATE OUR SLIDING ROOF AS SOON AS YOU SIGNAL FOR CLEARANCE!
HAVE YOURSELVES A BLAST, PARTNER!
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AND SO, THE UNIQUELY POWERFUL POGO PLANE ZOOMS UPWARD, STRAIGHT FOR THE EDGE OF SPACE FROM WHICH IT WILL GLIDE DOWN AGAIN, HALFWAY ACROSS THE GLOBE--
SHOOM!
OKAY, BEN-- WE'VE REACHED OUR PIVOTAL POINT--SO LET 'ER GO!
SHEEESH! ONE THING THAT REALLY BUGS ME IS A BACK-SEAT POGO DRIVER!
WHILE, MANY MILES BELOW, AS THE SPEEDING PLANE PLUMMETS DOWNWARD--
SINCE THE INTRUDERS HAVE AWAKENED ME FROM MY SLEEP OF AGES--I MUST FOLLOW MY PRESCRIBED RITUAL!
I MUST POSITION THE UNFAILING VIBRO-SCREEN--IN CASE OTHERS MAY FOLLOW!
IT IS DONE!
NOW, ANY OTHERS WHO DARE INTRUDE WILL BE HURLED TO THEIR DOOM BY A BLANKET OF UNSEEN VIBRATIONS WITH WHICH I HAVE COVERED THE ISLE!
CHUNK!
SINCE THE VIBRO-SCREEN IS COMPOSED OF THE KREE COLOR SPECTRUM, IT WILL BE TOTALLY INVISIBLE TO HUMAN EYES--UNTIL IT IS TOO LATE!
OKAY, FRANTIC ONE--OUR STAGE IS SET--OUR CAST ASSEMBLED--OUR PROLOGUE ENDED--SO WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR--?
HERE WE ARE, KIDDIES! THIS IS THE LITTLE HUNK'A HEAVEN OL' BLUE-EYED BENJAMIN PICKED FER US!
IT LOOKS SO LOVELY, BEN--SO QUIET AND RESTFUL!
HEADS UP--BOTH OF YOU! I DON'T LIKE WHAT I SEE--!
SOMETHING'S REGISTERING ON THE INSTRUMENT PANEL--!
--SOMETHING STRANGELY OMINOUS!
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LET ME HAVE THOSE CONTROLS, BEN!
HOLD ON TO SUE--WE'RE IN TROUBLE--BIG TROUBLE!!
WE'RE STRIKING SOME SORT OF INVISIBLE VIBRATION FIELD--IT'S TRYING TO SHAKE THE PLANE TO PIECES!
IT'S TOO LATE TO STOP--BUT IF WE CONTINUE--WE'RE DONE FOR!
YA SUMMED IT UP LIKE A LIVIN' DOLL, MISTER!! NOW TELL US WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT!!
QUICK!! INTO YOUR 'CHUTES!! I'LL HOLD ONTO THE CONTROLS AS LONG AS POSSIBLE! DON'T JUST SIT THERE, BEN--MOVE!
NUTS! YOU AINT THE ONLY CORNBALL HERO ON THIS TEAM! YOU BAIL OUT WITH SUSIE--
NO! NONE OF US MUST SACRIFICE OURSELVES!
WE'VE ALL FORGOTTEN THE ONE THING THAT MAY SAVE US--!
OF COURSE, HONEY!! YOUR INVISIBLE FORCE FIELD!!
IT CAN ACT AS A BUFFER--SHIELDING THE PLANE FROM THE DEADLY VIBRATIONS!
BUT, EVEN THOUGH YOU'VE SAVED THE SHIP--I CAN'T SET HER DOWN VERTICALLY INSIDE YOUR FORCE FIELD!
WE'LL HAVE TO TAKE OUR CHANCES ON A HORIZONTAL LANDING--!
BUT--THE SHIP WASN'T BUILT FOR HORIZONTAL LANDING! SHE'S DESIGNED TO COME DOWN ON HER UPRIGHT TAKEOFF FINS--!!
I KNOW IT, DARLING--BUT WE HAVEN'T ANY CHOICE! I CAN'T STRAIGHTEN HER OUT WITH YOUR FORCE FIELD AROUND US--
AND YOU DON'T DARE REMOVE THE FIELD -EVEN FOR A SECOND!
SO STAND BY--PREPARE FOR CRASH LANDING!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT SUSIE, PAL--I'LL CUSHION 'ER IN MY ARMS! SHE'LL BE OKAY!
JUST STAY WITH IT, MISTER--STAY WITH IT!
LOOK!! ON THE GROUND--JUST AHEAD OF US!! A GIGANTIC STATUE!
NO! HE'S NOT A STATUE!! HE MOVED!!
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BUT--IF HE CAN MOVE--WHY DOES HE STAND THERE?? WHY DOESN'T HE RUN FOR COVER?
A SPLIT SECOND LATER, THE AWESTRICKEN ADVENTURERS HAVE THEIR ANSWER--!
HE--DUCKED UNDER--AND THEN--CAUGHT US--LIKE A TOY!!
I HAVE IT!
THOK
I DON'T KNOW WHAT WE'RE UP AGAINST, BEN--BUT LET'S FIND OUT!
I ORDER YOU TO--HALT!!
I AM A SENTRY! IT IS MY DUTY TO GUARD!
THIS AREA HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS A SPACE PORT, TO BE USED ONLY BY THE KREE RACE!
THUS, YOU ARE INVADERS--AND, AS SUCH, IT IS MY DUTY TO REPEL YOU--IN THE NAME OF THE KREE RACE!
OKAY, BUTTERCUP--YA MADE YER POINT! NOW LEGGO THAT SHIP OR I'LL DEMOLISH YA--IN THE NAME'A MY EVER-LOVIN' AUNT PETUNIA!
UH OH!! THERE'S SOMETHIN' OPENING--IN HIS CHEST!!
HEADS UP, STRETCHO!! IT'S SOME KINDA BLAST RAY!!
ZOW
STAY BACK, BEN! I KNOW HOW TO HANDLE THIS--!
BY WRAPPING MYSELF AROUND HIS CHEST, I'LL BLOCK ANY FURTHER BEAMS FROM THAT RAY OF HIS!
MOST IMPRESSIVE! THIS ALIEN WORLD HAS SPAWNED A STRANGE NEW TYPE OF BEINGS SINCE MY LAST AWAKENING!
DON'T COVER ALL OF 'IM UP, LOVER BOY!! LEAVE SOMETHIN' SHOWIN' FER ME TO ZERO IN ON--!
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BUT, BEFORE THE ORANGE-SKINNED POWERHOUSE CAN REACH HIS TARGET--
-UNNHH!- HE'S STRONGER THAN I THOUGHT!
HE WRENCHED ME LOOSE--BY INCREASING THE PRESSURE OF HIS HIGH-VELOCITY CHEST WEAPON! CAN'T--HANG ON--ANY LONGER--!
THIS IS THE LAST TIME YA'LL USE THAT NUTTY GIZMO, SWEETPEA!
THAT'LL STOP 'IM! WITH HIS CONTROL PANEL BUSTED UP, HE WON'T BE ABLE TO---HEY!- I DON'T GET IT--!
YOUR KEY WORDS ARE UNTRANSLATABLE--BUT I GRASP YOUR MEANING! I AM NO MERE ROBOT--
HOW COME YER STILL MOVIN'? I THOUGHT IF YA TEAR UP A ROBOT'S LITTLE PINWHEELS, IT PUTS THE KIBOSH ON 'IM!
I DON'T CARE WHAT YA ARE--!
THE ONLY THING THAT GRABS ME IS--
IT'S CLOBBERIN' TIME!
THOOM
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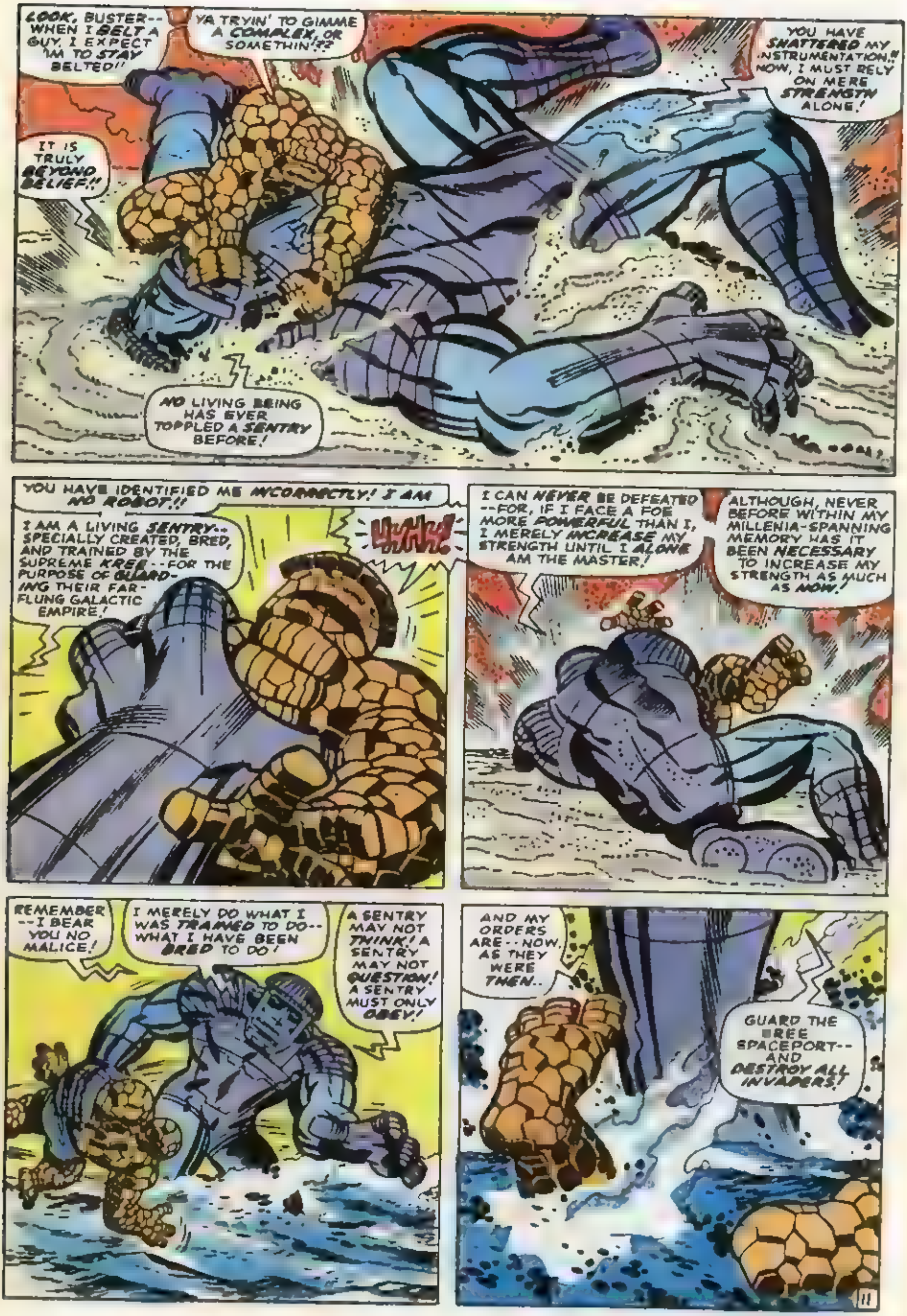

LOOK, BUSTER-- WHEN I BELT A GUY, I EXPECT 'IM TO STAY BELTED!!
YA TRYIN' TO GIMME A COMPLEX, OR SOMETHIN'!?
YOU HAVE SHATTERED MY INSTRUMENTATION!! NOW, I MUST RELY ON MERE STRENGTH ALONE!
IT IS TRULY BEYOND BELIEF!!
NO LIVING BEING HAS EVER TOPPLED A SENTRY BEFORE!
YOU HAVE IDENTIFIED ME INCORRECTLY! I AM NO ROBOT!!
I AM A LIVING SENTRY.. SPECIALLY CREATED, BRED, AND TRAINED BY THE SUPREME KREE--FOR THE PURPOSE OF GUARDING THEIR FAR-FLUNG GALACTIC EMPIRE!
UHHH!
I CAN NEVER BE DEFEATED --FOR, IF I FACE A FOE MORE POWERFUL THAN I, I MERELY INCREASE MY STRENGTH UNTIL I ALONE AM THE MASTER!
ALTHOUGH, NEVER BEFORE WITHIN MY MILLENIA-SPANNING MEMORY HAS IT BEEN NECESSARY TO INCREASE MY STRENGTH AS MUCH AS NOW!
REMEMBER --I BEAR YOU NO MALICE!
I MERELY DO WHAT I WAS TRAINED TO DO--WHAT I HAVE BEEN BRED TO DO!
A SENTRY MAY NOT THINK! A SENTRY MAY NOT QUESTION! A SENTRY MUST ONLY OBEY!
AND MY ORDERS ARE--NOW, AS THEY WERE THEN..
GUARD THE KREE SPACEPORT--AND DESTROY ALL INVADERS!
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REED!! LOOK--! THE SENTRY--HE'S DROWNING BEN!
NO!! I'VE GOT TO GO TO HIM--HELP HIM!! NO MATTER WHAT THE COST--!
SUE--GET TO THE PLANE--USE THE SATELLITE TV TO CONTACT THE TORCH! TELL HIM TO GET HERE--EVERY SECOND COUNTS!
I WILL, DARLING! BUT--WHAT ABOUT YOU? SHOULDN'T I HELP YOU FIRST?
JUST DO AS I TOLD YOU, GIRL! AND DON'T QUESTION MY ORDERS!
IF THE THING WAS POWERLESS AGAINST THAT CREATURE--WHAT CAN YOU DO TO SAVE HIM?
THIS ISN'T YOUR HUSBAND TALKING--
IT'S MR. FANTASTIC--THE LEADER OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST TEAM--!
AND, WHEN THE HEADLINE WRITERS FROM COAST-TO-COAST PINNED THAT NAME ON ME--
THEY WEREN'T JUST WHISTLIN' DIXIE!
HANG ON, BEN! I'M ON MY WAY TO YOU, FELLA--JUST HANG ON!
SPANG!
OKAY, SENTRY--OR WHATEVER IT IS YOU'RE CALLED--!
WE DIDN'T ASK FOR THIS FIGHT--BUT NO ONE PUTS THE F.F. DOWN WHILE ANY ONE OF US IS STILL ALIVE!!
DON'T BOTHER TURNING NOW--THERE WON'T BE TIME FOR YOU TO SAVE YOURSELF FROM ME!!
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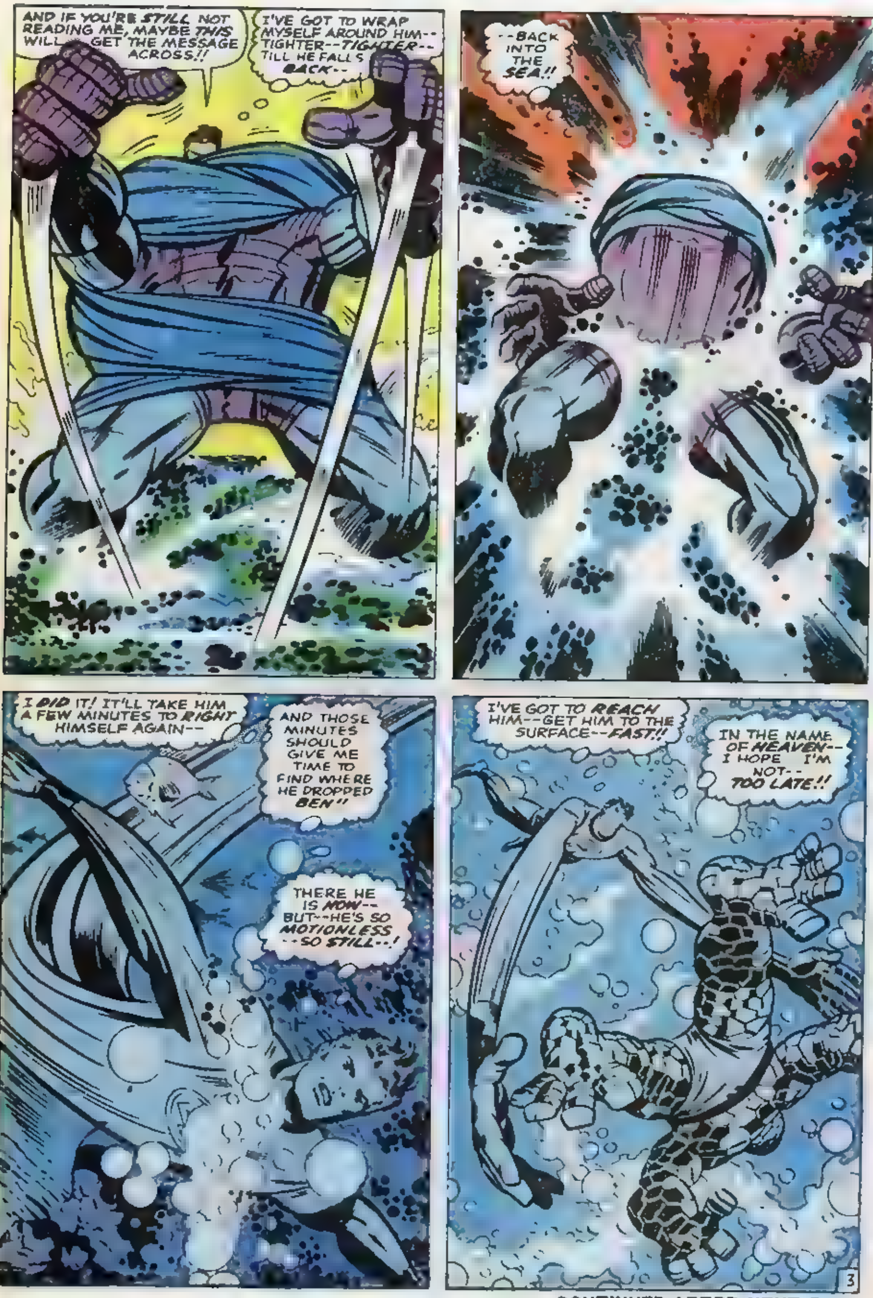

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NOW I CAN STUDY THE CITY BELOW ME WITHOUT MYSELF BEING THE SUBJECT OF CURIOUS STARES AT EVERY TURN!
STORM IS A WORTHY YOUTH-- ELSE THE LOVELY CRYSTAL WOULD NOT HAVE LOST HER HEART TO HIM!
AND, WHAT OF THAT "WORTHY YOUTH" AND THE
TRITON'S DOING FINE ON HIS FIRST SOLO, CRYS!
SO I GUESS WE CAN BREAK CONTACT FOR A WHILE, HUH?
DO YOU REALIZE, JOHNNY THAT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME--IN ALL THOSE LONG MONTHS SINCE WE MET--THAT WE HAVE BEEN--ALONE?
AS A MATTER OF FACT THAT THOUGHT DID KINDA CROSS MY MIND
CLICK!
CRYS--THERE'S SO MUCH I WANT TO SAY TO YOU--SO MANY THINGS I WANT YOU TO KNOW--!
SOMETIMES JOHNNY A GIRL MANAGES TO KNOW ALL THOSE THINGS --WITHOUT A SINGLE WORD --EVER BEING SAID--!
SLURP!
OH DEAR --IT'S LOCKJAW!!
HEY!! WHA--?!!
I THINK HE'S TRYING TO TELL US SOMETHING, JOHNNY!
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IF YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING TO SAY, WRITE US A LETTER NEXT TIME--!
WAIT, JOHNNY! THIS MUST BE WHY LOCKJAW WANTED TO ALERT YOU--!
THERE IS SOMETHING COMING IN ON YOUR VIDIO-SCANNER!
KA-THAK KA-THAK KA-THAK
SUE!! WHAT IS IT, SIS?? WHAT'S WRONG?
OH--AT LAST!! THANK HEAVEN I REACHED YOU! WE NEED YOU, JOHNNY! WE NEED YOU DESPERATELY!
WHAT HAPPENED?? WHERE ARE YOU??
IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC--ON THE ISLE THAT BEN PICKED, AT RANDOM!
THERE'S SOME TERRIBLE DANGER HERE--NO TIME TO DESCRIBE IT! PERHAPS--YOUR FLAME CAN SUCCEED--WHERE WE'VE FAILED!
YOU HEARD HER, CRYS! I CAN'T WASTE ANOTHER SECOND!
STAY HERE, HONEY--TRITON WILL LOOK AFTER YOU! I'VE GOT TO PREPARE REED'S ONE-MAN MISSILE!
NO, JOHNNY! THERE'S A FASTER WAY! HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN?
LOCKJAW!! HE CAN TAKE YOU ANYPLACE ON EARTH--AS FAST AS A THOUGHT!
OF COURSE!! I SHOULD HAVE REMEMBERED!
LET'S GO, BOY! WE'VE GOT A JOB TO DO!
DON'T JUST LAY THERE YAWNING, YOU OVERSIZED, WET-NOSED, WALKIN' SLEEPING PILL!
NOT LIKE THAT, JOHNNY! YOU'RE UPSETTING HIM! LET ME DO IT!
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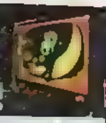
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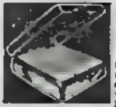
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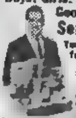
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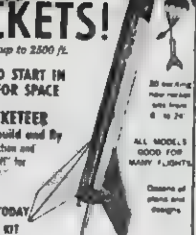
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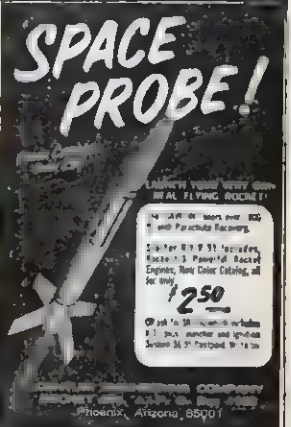

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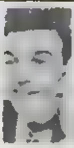

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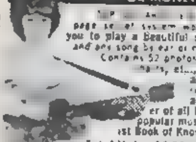

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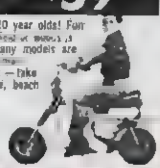

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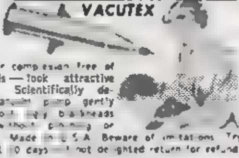

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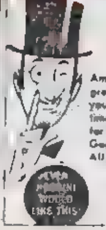

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TORCHY, BABY--YA FINALLY DID SOMETHIN' RIGHT! BUT--NOW WHERE ARE YA GOIN'??
I'M GONNA SEE WHO IT WAS YOU WERE FIGHTING!
AH HAH! I KNEW I'D FIND HIM!
LOOK, I DUNNO WHO OR WHAT YOU ARE--BUT GIVE UP QUIETLY AND SAVE US BOTH A LOT OF TROUBLE!
WOW! HE'S STARTIN' TO RIP OFF THE WHOLE SIDE OF THAT MOUNTAIN--!!!

IF YOU'RE AIMIN' TO SWAT ME WITH THAT THING, YOU'LL HAVETA BE A LOT FASTER THAN THAT, BIG MAN!
SHOOOSH!
NEVER BEFORE HAVE I BATTLED SUCH STRANGE CREATURES-- WITHOUT THE AID OF MY INSTRUMENTS!
BUT, I MUST IMPROVISE-- I MUST CREATE MY OWN WEAPONS AS THE OCCASION DEMANDS!
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BETTER LUCK NEXT TIME, FELLA!
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*IF YOU DON'T REMEMBER, SHAME ON YOU! IT WAS JUST A FEW ISSUES AGO! --SCORE-KEEPER STAN.
WHOEVER THAT JOKER IS, HE'S TOO DANGEROUS TO TAKE ANY CHANCES WITH--!
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NOW WHAT? I MISSED MY FIFTEEN-FOOT TARGET, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE I HIT SOMETHING UNDER THE GROUND!
ZAK!
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BTOOOM!
HEY! WHAT'S GOIN' ON HERE? THE BLASTED ISLAND'S TEARIN' ITSELF APART!!
RUN!! KEEP RUNNING-- WHILE I EXPLAIN--!
THIS ISLE WAS ONCE RULED BY SOME POWERFUL, ALIEN RACE-- CALLED THE KREE!
THEY OBVIOUSLY KEPT THEIR MAIN ENERGY AND POWER SUPPLY BENEATH THE EARTH--WHERE IT HAS REMAINED FOR ALL THESE AGES!
NOW, JOHNNY'S FLAME MANAGED TO REACH IT-- SETTING OFF THE MAIN ENGINE!!
WITHIN A SHORT TIME, THIS WHOLE ISLAND IS LIKELY TO BE BLOWN SKY HIGH!
AND, OUR ONLY CHANCE IS TO GRAB LOCKJAW-- AND HAVE HIM GET US OUT OF HERE IN TIME!
HOLD IT, SUE! A CREVICE JUST OPENED--BEN IS FALLING THRU--!
DON'T STOP FOR ME, STRETCHO! KEEP GOIN', YA HEAR? THERE'S SUE AND OL' MATCHHEAD TO TAKE CARE OF!
FORGET IT, BEN! WE'RE ALL GETTING OUT TOGETHER!
WELL, FER YOUR SAKE, I HOPE I BOUNCE WHEN I HIT BOTTOM!
THOOMNK!
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ITEM: We've just gotta tell you this! The whole batty Bullpen is bustin' with pride over the way our mags are being received overseas in the United Kingdom! Affable Al Wallace, talented editor of Odhams Press, publishers of SMASH, WHAM, and POW, three of England's most famous and best-selling weekly comics mags, jetted in from London recently just to wrap up a deal with Marvel whereby world-famous Odhams will become our showcase in the United Kingdom, featuring all the best of our super-hero epics! (And, as every True Believer knows, we've only got the best — there isn't any worst!) So, a swingin' salute to our pal Al and all our block-bustin' British boosters! Glad to have you aboard, guys!

ITEM: This one's really gonna knock you outta your tree! You know all the zillions of no-prizes we've been tossing around for years? Well, since a no-prize is really just that—a no prize—many of our time-honored winners have asked how they can prove to posterity that they've ever actually won one! Therefore, from now on, every winner of what has become the most coveted non-award in history will receive a little something to prove he's really won! What is it? You'll find out, tiger — soon as you win one!

ITEM: Remember the ruggedly realistic artwork of Jolly JOHN SEVERIN when he illustrated some of the earlier Agent of Shield strips? Well, Johnny's returning to the fold once more, after having finally seen the light! Can you guess which strip he'll soon be doing? No, it won't be Shield this time,—Jaunty JIM STERANKO is doing such a magnificent job writing and drawing the saga of Nick Fury's friendly little followers that we just can't bear the thought of switching him to another strip. However, we do have a mag which has been drawn by the same Marvel master for a few years now, and ol' Sev will soon be taking it over, since Darlin' DICK AYERS seems to have an unexpected hit on his hands with the surprise sensation of the year none other than the mysterious GHOST RIDER! Also, didja notice that Groovy GARY FRIEDRICH is now writing SGT. FURY AND HIS HOWLING WHATCHAMACALLEMS, having replaced Rascally ROY THOMAS, who's become almost as busy as our leader lately. Gary should do a great job on Fury's fanatics, having listened to so many war yarns from his dad, and so many exaggerated exploits from Stan himself. By the way, don't worry too much about Rollickin' Roy —he's got enough work to keep him off the streets these days, what with authoring AVENGERS, X-MEN, SUB MARINER, and excuse notes for Honest Irv! (He claims that Smiley gives him the hard ones to write, while he keeps the easier ones for himself! —Yeah, the "easy" ones — like SPIDEY, THOR, FANTASTIC FOUR, DAREDEVIL, etc.! Hoo Boy!)

STAN'S SOAPBOX!

While we're waiting for your letters telling what you'd like us to editorialize about, we thought you'd get a charge out of this note which we just received:

Dear Bullpen: Enough! I have sat idle too long! I have watched the MMMS turn into disorganized chaos. (And that's the worst kind!) As a solution, I suggest we have some officers. By buying his first Marvel mag, a fan is automatically entitled to the rank of RFO (Real Frantic One). His first published letter elevates him to QNS (Quite 'Nuff Sayer). A no-prize raises him to TB (True Believer). Each additional no-prize raises one level: From JHC (Junior Howling Commando) to RH (Resident Hulk) to AAT (Associate Assistant Thing) and finally to the penultimate, the utmost status a fan can attain MM (Marvelite Maximus)! Naturally, the artists all have the rank of DDD (Definitely Dizzy Doodlers), the editorial assistants are IPR (Illiterate Proof-Readers), art associates are VOD (Victims of Doodlers), the letters are IWP (Indefatigable Word Placers), and Stan himself is at the summit — MEO (Marvel's Earthbound Odin). Each person would use his title at the start of his name—as I've done. (Signed—) RFO Mark Evanier, 10418 Tennessee Ave., Los Angeles, Cal. 90064

Y'know something, gang—we kinda dig Mark's idea. Let us know how it hits you and maybe we can really get the thing rolling! Fair 'nuff?

THE WRAP-UP: Looks as though we were more long-winded than usual this ish — which means we've like run out of the space needed to give you additional scoop about this summer's coming King-Size Specials! But, don't despair, dauntless one ...just hoard your next six two-bit pieces—try not to squander them on luxuries like food and clothing—and we'll clue you in on our Specials next ish! Till then, hang loose, heroes—the good times are just beginning!

('Nuff said!)

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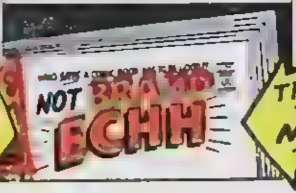

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Fantastic Four (4) Fan Page

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Dear Stan and Jack,

Since the dawn of time, whenever things looked blackest for the hero, his girl, and the world, either the U.S. Cavalry or the U.S. Marines have come through in the nick of time. But is was not until F.F. #60 that the world was saved from chaos and enslavement by Army Ordnance! What a way to wind up a great epic! Some day, when the whole thing is made into a full length movie, a roar like unto a million Marvel sound effects going off at once will fill the Post Theatre here at the finale. Meanwhile, the men and women of Ordnance can only show copies of "The Peril and the Power" to the rest of the world, and rejoice that comics are at last beginning to approximate reality. But now, when will you amaze the world with another great new super-hero strip? If you were Brand Blrrf (as distinguished from Brand Echh) you could just drop an unpopular strip from one of your other mags and replace it with some newie! Of course, Marvel has no unpopular strips, so all you can do is start a new comic, featuring the Silver Surfer, or some other hero or team. The instant success of GHOST RIDER should show you how much fun, how easy, and how profitable it is to start a new mag off with Marvelites. Good luck!

Matt Rosenblatt, 0503602, Box 255,
SOC, US Army Ordnance
C&S, Aberdeen P.G., Md. 21005

Thanks, Matty boy! So, the GHOST RIDER is one of our mags, eh? That's a relief! We happened to see a copy lying around the other day and wondered whose it was! Anyway, speaking of the Silver Surfer, you'll be seeing him battling the incredible Hulk this month in ASTONISH #93. (At least we're sure *that's* one of our mags!) And don't despair of seeing a new title pop up from the ol' House of Ideas when you least expect it—in fact, our new motto well may be: Inch Forward With Marvel!

Dear Stan and Jack,

In your recent letters page there was a very controversial letter. A certain fan stated that Marvel Comics are being ruined by "progress". Part of that statement is true—to succeed in the magazine field you have to improve your mags or else you will go bankrupt. But he said "everything is too fast-moving, too crowded, too much like life itself." He thinks that your stories should not be this way. I disagree—they should. How do you think that Marvel has become the biggest and best publisher of comics around? All your stories have some basic element of life—love, hate, fear, etc. The readers can feel what a Marvel character feels because he is almost human. This is why they are popular, and losing this would only dilute them. In closing, I would like to say that you should continue these fast-moving stories. Your readers want to see a slice of life.

George Poulin, 595 Chandler St.
Tewksbury, Mass. 01876

And they will, Georgie—they will! We're knockin' ourselves out to become the best life-slicers in the business! And, if it's our destiny to be "ruined by progress", then we'll go down smiling—knowing that we died with our boots on, surfing in the wave of the future! (Who says this isn't the Marvel Age of Mixed-up Metaphors!)

Dear Stan and Jack,

I find myself wordless. As an off-and-on novice Marvelite, I was duly impressed by your use of white for the cover background. Somehow it was even more dramatic and impressive than using more garish colors—fully intense enough to match, to introduce the tales placed within. Of those I shall say little, except that the sequence on page 11 of F.F. #60 was excellent, even better than the more spectacular panels in the issue, and that the first inkling appeared of what I suspected would happen to the Inhumans when they were free—namely, that like all minorities, they are going to have bad treatment from some people. This newly introduced element, that of the Inhumans' problems of adjustment should provide some good material for Stan . . . enough, I think, to justify giving the Inhumans their own magazine whenever it's feasible. Then every issue of the F.F. could have a page or two about the Inhumans as now, and vice-versa, with the F.F. occasionally appearing in their book. By this method the F.F. saga could be treated from two integrated points of view. Now I must offer a criticism. In much of your dialogue there is something I call italicized speaking, something most of your people indulge in. I have nothing at all against an occasionally italicized remark, but it's not necessary to do it so often. Indeed, the writing should be such that the stress falls naturally in the right place, on the right word. Why don't you try this once in a while—do a story that's not boldfaced at all, and let us supply our own italics. Then publish a magazine without words, so we can supply our own dialogue. Then do a mag with words alone, so we can do our own artwork. Then, finally, publish 20 pages of blank paper—so we can do our own comic book!

J. Wayne Sadler, Rt. #4, Box 478
Marianna, Fla. 32446

Wayne, we have a sneaking suspicion that you're trying to tell us something! And, as soon as we can figure out what it is, we'll get back to you! Till then, face front—we've got a hunch you've been standin' sideways!

Dear Stan and Jack,

The reason that I'm writing this is not the same as most of your typical letter writers. You see, Marvel Comics are one of my favorite things in life. I have made, and still make, an intensive and extensive study of the F.F. (My

favorite), Avengers, Spider-Man, etc., and thus I like to think of myself as being more than the average appreciative fan of Marvel Comics. In fact, it has gotten to the point where, being a speech and English major here at Penn State, I have made speeches to various organizations, and speech classes to promote your literary masterpieces. For these presentations, I use the Sept. 1966 issue of "Esquire" as well as excerpts from my own favorite stories. I find that the Fantastic Four improve with every issue, which is a difficult task to accomplish, since they are indescribably well-written and well-drawn to begin with! I am not looking for thanks or credit for promoting Marvel on the campus—that is not my point. It is simply to introduce to you the fact that I wish to thank you for the enjoyment which you have given me, a 20 year old nut on Marvel, who respects and admires Stan Lee, Jack Kirby, and every one of the Marvel Gang.

Howie Schultzberg, Phi Sigma Delta, Penn. State,
240 E. Prospect Ave., State College, Pa. 16801

Howie, although you were not looking for approbation, you have enshrined yourself in the heart of Marveldom! Your unswerving faith, your unwavering devotion to the Word, your sublime loyalty and enthusiasm —surely the cumulative benefits of such undeniable virtues will far transcend any paltry praise that we may heap upon you! Therefore, on behalf of True Believers everywhere, we wish you well, devoted one—may the sodden smog of Yancy Street ne'er afflict thy nostrils!

Dear Stan and Jack,

No words, hither, thither, or yon, could possibly describe the grandeur of F.F. #60! It was the . . . the . . . ultimate! Two points, however—I didn't care for that interlude with your friends and mine, the Inhumans. Somehow, it didn't fit into the story line. Also, in the letters section, an irate fan asked if "Sue Storm's right foot is double-jointed". Good grief! Is he myopic or something? That is not Sue's foot, it's Reed's! Your Doc Doom story was terrific—our powerful foursome, reduced to nil—great. So until my subscription runs out, I'll remain a loyal fan. Tell the F.F. congratulations on their 5th anniversary—but you'll probably take all the credit!

Paul Seid, 915 Camborne Pl.
Charlotte, N.C.

Is that what you think of us, Paul? Are we merely a couple of credit-takers in your eyes? Does our past record count for naught? O, ingratitude—more painful than the barbs of Brand Echh! But, notice how we turn the other cheek, as we forgive and forget! As for our inclusion of the indefatigable Inhumans, we're sorry it didn't rock you, pal, but Aunt Petunia loved it!

Dear Stan and Jack,

I have been following the FANTASTIC FOUR for over 3 years now, ever since the return of the Mole Man in issue #22. In those three years you have had vastly more than your share of powerful moments; some of the greatest have been "Death of a Hero", "Battle of the Baxter Building", and "The Brutal Betrayal of Ben Grimm". Your latest effort, "The Peril and the Power", however, really caps off the great year of 1966 in Marveldom! The tale opened with a gruesome portrayal of Dr. Doom's stolen cosmic powers. He is the ultimate villain—the very essence of the mad super-menace! The gaunt, hulking visage, enwrapped in his cloak of secrets, soaring over the villages of Latveria in the dark of the moon—this is what Dr. Doom was created for! The same scene could have flown directly out of H. P. Lovecraft's most macabre tale or the most heroic of Robert E. Howard's heroic fantasies. The tale then picked up speed—a short, swift, powerful battle between the young Human Torch and the malevolent Dr. Doom with the Doctor as the victor. The scene with the Silver Surfer in Doom's prison seemed a prophecy of things to come later on in the story, as indeed they did happen. Then the remaining three of the F.F. went into action—a sight to thrill the heart of any true Marvelian. After a short display of the wondrous powers of Mr. Fantastic and Ben Grimm, Doom appeared on the scene. Ben thundered into battle, hurling his battle cry into the teeth of the mad villain. The thunderous holocaust that ensued was the crescendo in the story! Never has a hero faced more impossible odds and lived to tell. Never has the Thing impressed me more than when he rose and threw off Doom. An insight into the character of the Watcher was next. Then, back into action! The F.F. did their best to hold off the attack of the armor-clad maniac, achieving only a temporary respite. Then, by the power of the human mind alone, Reed Richards triumphed against his nemesis! Dr. Doom seems to be dead at last! You can't possibly bring him back after this—the saga was brought to such a powerful end that any further return of Doom would be extremely anticlimactic, to say the least. He couldn't have survived the cosmic blast of Galactus' restrictive device. The art was the finest of this year from Marvel or any other company. Joe Sinnott is the inker for Jolly Jack. His sheer beauty of style and his fine handling of the Thing are among the finest inkings I have ever laid eyes on. In all, purest ambrosia to the taste of this somewhat fussy comic fan!

Greg Kishel, 311 8½ St. So.
Virginia, Minn. 55792

Stan thanks you! Jack thanks you! Joe thanks you!—We haven't found that cat Ambrosia yet, but when we do, he'll thank you, too! You bring up a very serious problem, Greg—namely, the continued existence of Victor Von Doom. We were hoping there might be just the barest possibility of his still being alive—but after reading your swingin' sermon, we're starting to get cold feet! So, we'll have to leave it up to Marveldom assembled—what do you say, frenzied ones? Is Doc Doom to remain in that ol' Villains' Haven up yonder —or do we bring him back some day for more fun 'n games? It's up to *you*, Flame-Keepers—so grab your pen, hear?

NEXT ISH: You're gonna flip over the yarn we have in store for you! No, we can't tell you what the mystery of Alicia is, because we don't wanna give away any of the surprises, but we can tell you this—yours will be the first human eyes ever to behold the unimaginable Kree! Yours will be the first human brain ever to comprehend the dread danger that faces our world! And, yours will be the first 12¢ ever to be plunked down at your magazine stand for FF #65 if you don't wanna miss the most far-out, fun-filled feature-length epic of all! It's got everything you want, and Yancy Street, too! So hang loose till next ish, tiger—the party's just beginning! 'Nuff said!

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